

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending in this application. In the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment mailed August 17, 2005, the Examiner indicates that the Response to Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. § 121 ("Response") mailed June 17, 2005 is not fully responsive to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005. Specifically, the Examiner indicates that in the Response, Applicants failed to elect any species in the elected Group I as required by the Office Action. In order to be fully responsive, Applicants make the following species election:

In the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, the Examiner indicates that if Group I is elected, Applicants are required to elect a specifically named body tissue as recited in the Markush group of claim 12.

In order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect with traversal the species bone marrow. Currently pending claims 1-33 and 35-41 are readable on the elected species.

In the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, the Examiner also indicates that if Group I is elected, Applicants are required to elect a specifically named biological material as recited in the Markush group of claim 13.

In order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect with traversal the species vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). Currently pending claims 1-40 are readable on the elected species.

In the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, the Examiner further indicates that if Group I is elected, Applicants are required to elect a specifically named mammal as recited in the Markush group of claim 10.

In order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect with traversal the species humans. Currently pending claims 1-41 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants fully reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in one or more related applications.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, claims to unelected species that include all the limitations of the allowed generic claim are also allowable as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

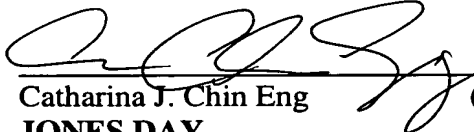
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the above remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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